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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on December 21, 2015, in 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, MI. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor William Galvin.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Sara Bowman	Council Member	Present	
Greg Cowley	Councilmember	Present	
William Galvin	Mayor	Present	
Steve Schneemann	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Jeff Scott	Councilmember	Present	

**City Administration Present**

Director Christiansen  
Director Demers  
Superintendent Eudy  
City Clerk Halberstadt  
Assistant to the City Manager Knowles  
City Manager Murphy  
Attorney Schultz

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jena Stacey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was heard.

**4. APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON CONSENT AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**A. Council Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Oct 19, 2015 6:00 PM**
- 2. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Nov 2, 2015 6:00 PM**

**3. Minutes of the City Council - Regular - Nov 16, 2015 7:00 PM****4. Minutes of the City Council - Special - Nov 16, 2015 6:00 PM**

- B. Special Event Request – American Cancer Society Relay for Life
- C. Farmington Monthly Payments Report - November 2015
- D. Public Safety Monthly Report

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**6. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC HEARINGS****A. Preservation Farmington - Presentation of Petition**

Maria Taylor, 23750 Gill Road representing historic advocacy group Farmington Preservation, presented a petition to Council, signed by 450 residents of Farmington and surrounding communities. The petition supports preserving the hundred-year-old Queen Anne homes at Grand River and Grove Street and redeveloping only the area behind them. She stated that under project options in the Downtown Area Plan, anywhere from one or all of the homes could be removed for redevelopment. She discussed the importance of preserving these historic homes and provided other options for redeveloping that area.

Mayor Galvin thanked Ms. Taylor for her thorough presentation.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS****A. Proposed Curbside Clothing Recycling Pilot**

City Administration advised RRRASOC has established a program for the curbside collection, reuse, and recycling of used clothing and household goods through an agreement with Simple Recycling. The program is currently operating successfully in South Lyon, Wixom, and Walled Lake, as well as a number of other communities in Michigan and the U.S.

Simple Recycling provides a unique, turnkey operation for the collection of the material on the same day as the regular collection of trash, recycling, and yard waste. There are no costs to the cities or RRRASOC, and Simple Recycling pays RRRASOC \$.01 per pound.

The program seeks to harvest material that is currently NOT being donated to charitable organizations. To date, RRRASOC has received no complaints from charitable organizations that rely on the donation of used clothing and household goods. RRRASOC also continues to promote and encourage charitable giving as an alternative to discarding reusable items in the trash.

Schneemann stated his initial concerns regarding this program included possible negative impact on local charitable organizations. He liked the fact that there is an out-clause which allows the city to try this service on a trial basis. This trial period allows

local charities to voice any concerns they may have regarding this service. He pointed out a tax deduction cannot be realized for this service.

Murphy stated there will be a 4-month trial period for this service with an opportunity to exit at any time.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Murphy advised Simple Recycling would handle the publicity for this service.

**Motion to approve RRRASOC to deploy a program for the curbside collection and recycling of clothing in the City of Farmington.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Goals Setting Meeting**

Present: Charlie Fleetham, Project Innovations, Inc.

City Administration discussed engaging Charlie Fleetham to facilitate a goal setting session scheduled for January 9, 2016.

Mr. Fleetham discussed his background, specific experience, and previous involvement with Farmington.

Mr. Fleetham requested Council members look at the 2014 work plan and submit ideas and comments to the City Manager prior to the January 9th meeting.

**B. Consideration to Purchase Temporary Enclosures for Sundquist Pavilion**

City Administration requested Council consideration to share in the cost of temporary enclosures for the Sundquist Pavilion. The Downtown Development Authority Board has agreed to pay \$3500, approximately half of the cost.

Galvin questioned why the proposed enclosure would only cover one side of the pavilion.

Knowles responded the intent was to maintain some visibility in the pavilion while offering some protection from the weather. She stated currently nothing is there to contain heat. They also wanted to maintain easy in and out access.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Knowles stated they chose to enclose the south side of the pavilion recognizing that the north side has restrooms and storage areas that act as buffers.

Schneemann questioned the proposed dark brown color chosen for the panels, noting tan would go better with the pavilion. He noted tan is what is shown in the rendering provided to Council.

Knowles responded the color choices were limited and the Design Committee chose dark brown for the panels that would absorb more of the sunlight. The rendering was prepared to show the type of enclosure, not necessarily the color. The color was chosen after the rendering was provided to the Design Committee.

Responding to a question from Bowman, Knowles stated the panels can be stacked, but they are still looking for a storage location. She stated the area above the restrooms may be an option.

Responding to an additional question from Bowman, Knowles stated the plan is to install the panels in December and remove them in March.

Scott advised the west side of the pavilion needs protection from the prevailing wind. He stated the enclosure on the south side is a great step forward, but the west side needs to be addressed.

Knowles stated a side panel with a doorway would cost an additional \$600. She stated if Council wants it fully enclosed without the doorway, the cost would be higher.

Cowley concurred that the west side should be closed off. He asked about the panel fabric.

Knowles responded the panels would be made of vinyl.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Knowles stated the panels have a 5-7 year life span, but the expectation is they would last longer given that they are affixed to a melded framework.

Scott did not see the benefit of a partial enclosure with a doorway on the west side. He stated people would need to enter the pavilion from the north side.

Knowles confirmed the additional cost of a side panel without a doorway would probably be upwards of \$800.

Responding to a question from Galvin, Scott stated he would like the DDA to pick up half of the additional cost.

Schneemann stated the side panel should also include transparency similar to the southern enclosure. He would support Council picking up half of the additional cost.

Knowles advised the additional cost would need to go back to the DDA Board for approval since they only approved an expense up to \$3500. She confirmed the DDA budget should be able to support the additional cost.

Galvin stated he is hesitant to spend DDA dollars before they have an opportunity to review and deliberate on this additional expense.

Bowman pointed out the DDA Board did discuss options for enclosures and decided only on the enclosure for the south side.

Scott discussed the option of taking one of the south side panels and moving it to the west side.

Schneemann pointed out the quoted price was \$6800 and if Council is willing to put up \$4000, then the DDA would probably only have to commit to an additional \$200.

**Motion to authorize the purchase of enclosures for both the south and west side of the Sundquist Pavilion from Marygrove Awning in an amount not-to-exceed \$4000 from the General Fund with a similar amount provided by the Downtown Development Authority.**

The votes were taken in the following order: Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [3 TO 2]</b>
<b>AYES:</b>	Greg Cowley, Steve Schneemann, Jeff Scott
<b>NAYS:</b>	Sara Bowman, William Galvin

C. Consideration to Appoint Todd Huffman to the Parking Advisory Committee

**Motion to appoint Todd Huffman to the Parking Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2018.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Greg Cowley, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

D. Consideration to approve Power Road/Streambank construction estimate

Eudy discussed City Administration request for Council approval of Construction Estimate No. 1 for the Power Road Bridge Scour and Streambank Stabilization project.

Responding to a question from Schneemann, Eudy advised after this payment, \$45k - 48k would still remain on their contract.

**Motion to approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for the Power Road Bridge Scour and Streambank Stabilization project and authorize payment in the amount of \$183,789.09, including 10% retainage, to Anglin Civil, LLC.**

The votes were taken in the following order: Galvin, Schneemann, Scott, Bowman, Cowley.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

E. Consideration to approve Twin Valley construction estimate

Eudy discussed City Administration request for Council approval of Construction Estimate No. 1 for reconstruction of the Twin Valley Pump Station.

**Motion to approve Construction Estimate No. 1 for the reconstruction of the Twin Valley Pump Station and authorize payment in the amount of \$129,143.04, including 10% retainage, to Bidigare Contractors, Inc.**

The votes were taken in the following order: Schneemann, Scott, Bowman, Cowley, Galvin.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

F. Consideration to Approve Payment of \$18,000.00 to Pipeline Management for Preliminary Cleaning and CCTV of Areas Bel Aire Subdivision

Eudy discussed City Administration request for Council approval of payment for preliminary cleaning and CCTV of areas of Bel Aire Subdivision. He stated this information will be used to further determine the extent of maintenance needed and focus repairs to the most needed areas.

**Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$18,000 to Pipeline Management for preliminary cleaning and CCTV selected areas of the Bel Aire Subdivision.**

The votes were taken in the following order: Scott, Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sara Bowman, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

## 9. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Eudy requested patience from residents regarding city snow removal and further requested removal of cars from streets. He noted the success of the leaf pick-up program, in spite of the snow storm in November. He stated the ice rink is up and running.

Christiansen advised the City is working closely with Farmington Public Schools regarding the two proposals received for the Maxfield Training Center property.

Demers discussed a recent rash of car burglaries where doors were left unlocked and items were in full view. He advised residents to always keep their car doors locks and items hidden.

Halberstadt discussed the success of the Holiday Tea, a fundraiser for the Mansion.

**10. COUNCIL COMMENT**

Scott thanked Preservation Farmington for their interest and passion for the history of Farmington. He was gratified that Ms. Taylor offered an alternative for redevelopment of said area. He stated there are tough decisions to be made.

Bowman discussed her attendance at a recent seminar, "You Won, Now What" offered by the Michigan Municipal League. She stated it was a great opportunity to meet other people.

Schneemann urged residents to support and shop local businesses.

Cowley commented on importance of the January goal setting meeting. He stated the City needs to find a way to fund capital improvements. He noted currently there is no money for parking improvements or other infrastructure needs.

Galvin requested residents give a little extra room to Public Safety staff and especially to snow plow drivers. He cited a recent incident at the Dearborn Heights courthouse, involving a citizen wielding a knife requiring the court officer to use his weapon. He reminded everyone that our Public Safety Officers and Department of Public Works staff put themselves in harms way every day.

Galvin spoke about his involvement with the Goodfellows in delivering presents and food boxes to local Farmington residents who are struggling. He thanked the Goodfellows and everyone who donated.

**11. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Scott, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Steve Schneemann, Mayor Pro Tem
<b>AYES:</b>	Bowman, Cowley, Galvin, Schneemann, Scott

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William E. Galvin, Mayor

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Susan K. Halberstadt, City Clerk

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_